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Fall potatoes

Harvested acres for Oregon potatoes are estimated at 35,000 for the 2006 crop. This is a 6 percent decrease from the previous year. In Malheur County, 3,000 acres are expected to be harvested. Growers in other Oregon counties will harvest 32,000 acres this year. In the Pacific Northwest region (Oregon, Washington, and Idaho) potato acreage is expected to increase slightly. In Oregon, percent planted by variety is estimated at 4 percent reds, 15 percent whites, and 81 percent russets.

Nationally, harvested acres are forecast at 974,400, up 3 percent from last year but 5 percent below 2004. This increase is due in part to low ending stocks and higher prices.

Fall potatoes: Acres harvested, yield and production, selected states, 2005 and forecasted July 1, 2006

Area	Area harvested			Yield		Production	
	2005	Forecast 2006	2006/ 2005	2005	Forecast 2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>
Oregon	37.1	35.0	94	594	(¹)	22,023	(¹)
Malheur county	3.8	3.0	79	450	(¹)	1,710	(¹)
Other counties	33.3	32.0	96	610	(¹)	20,313	(¹)
Idaho	323.0	328.0	102	362	(¹)	116,975	(¹)
Washington	154.0	156.0	101	620	(¹)	95,480	(¹)
United States	949.5	974.4	103	401	(¹)	381,026	(¹)

¹ The production forecast for fall potatoes will be published in November 2006.

Fall potatoes: Percent of acreage planted by type of potatoes, selected states, 2005-2006

State	Potato types ¹					
	Reds		Whites		Russets	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	2	4	14	15	84	81
Idaho	2	2	3	4	95	94
Washington	3	5	10	9	87	86
United States	6	7	20	21	74	72

¹ Predominant type shown may include small portion of other type(s) constituting less than 1 percent of State's total. Yellow flesh potatoes are reported under white types. Blue types are reported under red types.